

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A postcard comprising a security tag coupled to said postcard for selectively concealing at least a portion of information displayed on said postcard, said tag comprising at least a first portion and a second portion coupled to said first portion, wherein said first portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, and wherein said second portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, said first portion first side coupled against said postcard, said second portion first side coupled against said first portion second side, said first portion secured to said postcard with a bond that is stronger than a bond used to secure said second portion to said postcard.

2. (original) A postcard in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said second portion is at least partially removable from said postcard without breaking the bond formed between said first portion and said postcard.

3. (original) A postcard in accordance with Claim 1 wherein at least a section of said security tag is substantially transparent, said transparent portion enables selective viewing of the information displayed on said postcard.

4. (original) A postcard in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said security tag further comprises an opening extending through at least a section of said security tag, said opening enables selective viewing of the information displayed on said postcard.

5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended) A postcard in accordance with Claim ~~5~~ 1 wherein the information desired to be concealed is contained on said first portion second side.

7. (currently amended) A postcard ~~in accordance with Claim 1~~ comprising a security tag coupled to said postcard for selectively concealing at least a portion of information displayed on said postcard, said tag comprising at least a first portion and a second portion coupled to said first portion, wherein said first portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, and wherein said second portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, said first portion further comprising a pair of oppositely-disposed ends and a body extending therebetween, said second portion first side and said first portion ends coupled against said postcard, said first portion body coupled against said second portion second side,

said first portion secured to said postcard with a bond that is stronger than a bond used to secure said second portion to said postcard.

8. (currently amended) A security tag for use in selectively concealing selected information displayed on a writing medium, said security tag comprising at least a first portion and a second portion coupled to said first portion, wherein said tag first and second portions each comprise an outer surface and an opposite inner surface, said tag first portion outer surface is coupled against the writing medium, said tag second portion extends over said tag first portion inner surface such that said second portion inner surface is coupled against said first portion inner surface, said first portion secured to the writing medium with a bond that is stronger than a bond used to secure said second portion to the writing medium.

9. (original) A security tag in accordance with Claim 8 wherein at least a section of said second portion is at least partially removable from said writing medium without removing said security tag first portion from said writing medium.

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended) A ~~postcard~~ security tag in accordance with Claim ~~10~~ 8 wherein the information desired to be concealed is affixed to at least one of said first portion ~~outer~~ inner surface and the writing medium.

12. (currently amended) A security tag ~~in accordance with Claim 8~~ for use in selectively concealing selected information displayed on a writing medium, said security tag comprising at least a first portion and a second portion coupled to said first portion, wherein said tag first ~~portion~~ and second portions each comprise an outer surface and an opposite inner surface, said tag first portion further comprises a first end, a second end, and a body extending therebetween, each of said first portion first and second ends, and said second portion inner surface is coupled against the writing medium, said first portion body is coupled only against said second portion outer surface, said first portion secured to the writing medium with a bond that is stronger than a bond used to secure said second portion to the writing medium.

13. (original) A security tag in accordance with Claim 8 wherein at least a section of at least one of said first portion and said second portion is substantially transparent.

14. (original) A security tag in accordance with Claim 8 further comprising an opening extending through at least a section of at least one of said first portion and said second portion.

15. (currently amended) A method for notifying an individual of an appointment, said method comprising:

providing a security tag including at least a first portion and a second portion that is coupled to the first portion, wherein the first portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, and wherein the second portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, the second portion first side coupled against the first portion second side; and

coupling the security tag to a postcard such that selected information regarding the appointment is concealed by the security tag, and such that the security tag first portion is secured to the postcard with a bond that is stronger than a bond used to secure the second portion to the postcard.

16. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 15 further comprising affixing the information to be concealed to at least one of the security tag and the postcard.

17. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 15 wherein coupling the security tag to a postcard further comprises coupling the security tag to the postcard such that the tag second portion is at least partially removable from the postcard without breaking the bond formed between the first portion and the postcard.

18. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 15 wherein coupling the security tag to a postcard further comprises coupling a security tag to the postcard that includes at least a section that is substantially transparent to facilitate viewing of the selected information.

19. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 15 wherein coupling the security tag to a postcard further comprises coupling a security tag to the postcard that includes at least one opening extending at least partially therethrough to facilitate viewing the selected information.

Please add the following new Claims:

20. (new) A postcard comprising a security tag coupled to said postcard for selectively concealing at least a portion of information displayed on said postcard, said postcard comprising a pair of oppositely-disposed ends and a body extending therebetween, said tag comprising at least a first portion and a second portion separated by a fold line, said first portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, said second portion comprises a first side and an opposite second side, said tag coupled to said postcard such that tag first portion second side is coupled between tag second portion second side and said tag first portion first side, said tag configured to remain folded until the information is revealed, at least one of said tag first portion and said tag second portion comprises a substantially transparent material.

21. (new) A postcard in accordance with Claim 20 wherein at least one of said tag first portion and said tag second portion is coupled adjacent to an outer periphery of said postcard.

22. (new) A postcard in accordance with Claim 20 wherein at least one of said tag first portion and said tag second portion comprises a message and/or information.

23. (new) A postcard in accordance with Claim 20 wherein said tag first portion second side and said tag second portion second side are secured to said postcard second side with an adhesive bond.

24. (new) A postcard in accordance with Claim 20 wherein said security tag is substantially rectangular.